Each year the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) offers competitive grant funding to federally recognized tribes to support tribal justice programs.

Historically, California tribes have a relatively small amount the funds distributed through these grants.

This year the federal government has made significant changes to the grant process. In particular, the DOJ has consolidated into ONE grant opportunity what were previously separate grant opportunities which they are calling the "Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation".

Information on the available federal grants can be found at http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/grants.html

At this site you can find links to the fact sheet:

http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/docs/factsheet.pdf, sample grants, as well as the actual solicitation: http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/docs/ctassolicitation.pdf

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT IS MAY 13, 2010

We want to help California tribes be more successful in getting these grant funds. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Tribal Projects Unit in collaboration with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute are offering two technical assistance workshops for tribes and qualifying organizations who are applying for grant funding under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

These **technical assistance workshops** will be held on

April 20th, 2010 in Sacramento and April 26th, 2010 in San Diego

These events are **free**. Experienced grant writers and personnel from the Department of Justice will be on hand.

This is intended to be a hands-on workshop for those who have started their grant applications and are working to COMPLETE them.

Please be sure to bring your draft grant materials with you to the workshops.

This is not a useful workshop if your tribe has not yet decided whether to apply for funding.